of holding tile International Congress in India to the International Association of Seed Crushers, London. Since the organisers held the Congress without obtaining the approval of Reserve Bank for remittance of the surplus amount and it is not the policy of the Government to (permit International organisers to hold conferences in India on commercial basis, the request of the organisers to remit the profits was not agreed to.

Indo-Bangladesh Conference to check fmuggling, etc.

1038. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister oi HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-Bangladesh Conference was recently held in Dhaka to strengthen measures to check border crimes, smuggling and trafficking in drugs and women;

(b) if so, what was the outcome of the Conference;

(c) whether any concrete steps have been agrees upon to solve these alarming anti-social activities on Indo-Bangladesh border; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Discussions were held from 9th to 13th January, 1989 between Director General Border Security Force from Indian side and Director General Bangladesh Rifles o$_n$ the Bangladesh side. Both delegations were assisted by a team of senior officers drawn from various Departments of the two countries. The discussions are an ennual feature.

(c) and (d) Brief details of the discussions are furnished in the attached statement.

Statement

The annual border coordination meeting between the BSF and BDR was held in Dhaka from 9th to 13th January, 1989. The Indian delegation was led by Shri H. P. Bhatnagar, DG, BSF and the Bangladesh delegation was headed by Major General Sadiqur Rehman Chowdhury, DG Bangladesh Rifles. Both the delegations were assisted by a team of senior officers not ^{onl}y ^{from} the BSF and BDR, but also from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs ,JRc and Department of Survey. The meeting took place in the atmosphere of cordiality and friendship and free and frank discussions were held. The following relevant issues were discussed in the meeting: —

(i) Illegal crossing of Bangladesh national into India.

(ii) Trans-border smuggling particularly drug trafficking.

(iii) Trans-border crimes.

(iv) Return of Chakmas refugees

(v) Repair and maintenance of boundary pillars.

(vi) Land problems.

Cases of misuse of power by Police Officers

1039. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR; SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number °f cases have been brought to the notice of Government during the last one year where the police officers have misused their powers and detain, ed innocent persons under Sections 107 and 151 of Cr.P.C;

(b) whether it is also a fact that recently the. Delhi Trial Court has passed several strictures against the police officers on this count;

(c) if so, what is the total number of complaints received during the last one year from the affected persons and what action has been taken against tbe police officers involved; and

(d) whether recently some Members of Parliament have also written to the Police Commissioner of Delhi in connection with the illegal detention of innocent persons by the SHO. Connaught place, New Delhi under the above Sections and if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Only 11 such complaints have been received by the Delhi Police.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Some procedural irregularities were noticed in six of the above complaints. Appropriate action has been initiated in respect of the erring police officials.

Allegations in respect of the remaining five complaints were not substantiated, on inquiry.

(d) Yes Sir. A detailed inquiry was carried out and it was found that the concerned person who had been arrested under sections 107|151 Cr.P.C. had a criminal history. He was arrested under the said sections by the Connaught Place Police, when he was found threatening people with dire consequences at a public place. The allegations against the local police by the complainant were not found correct by the Inquiry Officer.

Merger of NTC Mjills

1040. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that NTC is going to reduce the number of mills under its control by merging a few of such mills;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps the Central Government propose to take to safeguard the interests of the mill workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Referendum for solving Maharashtra - Karnataka Border Dispute

1041. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to hold a referendum to solve the longstanding border dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF. HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government of India have always been of the view that this dispute can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the State Governments concerned. The central Government remain in touch with both the State Governments in the matter. Central assistance as required for' arriving at a mutually acceptable solution to this problem will be rendered.